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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL WORKWEEK

REF: STATE 011120; KABUL 0453

1. MANY THANKS FOR REFTEL. UNDERSTAND AND COMMISERATE WITH DEPARTMENT ON BUDGETARY ASPECT THIS SUBJECT. WE ANTICIPATE SOME OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANSWERS ASAP.

(A) DID COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S DECISIONS CITED REFTEL DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH USG DIRECT HIRE CIVILIANS WORKING IN FOREIGN AREAS?

(B) IF NOT, MIGHT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER ASKING FOR A RULING FROM GAO ON APPLICABILITY OF 5 USC 5546(A) IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY AT DIFFERENTIAL POSTS WHERE SUNDAY IS AN OFFICIAL AND REGULAR WORKDAY OF THE RECEIVING STATE?

(C) WAS IT NOT ALSO THE "INTENT" OF CONGRESS IN 5 USC 6101 TO PROVIDE*FOR A CONSECUTIVE TWO-DAY WEEKEND? THE "WHEN POSSIBLE" CLAUSE APPEARS TO US TO APPLY ONLY TO "MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY" AND NOT TO THE CLAUSE THAT FOLLOWS RE CONSECUTIVE NON-WORKDAYS. (THE CON**CUTIVE TWO-DAY WEEKEND IS POSSIO E AT KABU*.)

(D) WHY IS IT THAT 5 USC 6101 CAN BE WAIVED WHILE 5 USC UNCLASSIFIED

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5546(A) CANNOT?

(E) DOES 5 USC 5546(A) APPLY TO PEACE CORPS DIRECT HIRE
USG EMPLOYEES? OR DOES PEACE CORPS' ENABLING LEGISLATION
HAVE A "NOTWITHSTANDING" CLAUSE THAT DISALLOWS PREMIUM PAY?
IF NOT, HOW DOES PEACE CORPS GET AROUND THIS RULE OF LAW?
(PEACE CORPS WORKWEEK HERE IS SATURDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY,
WITH NO PREMIUM PAY FOR SUNDAY.)

(F) DURING THE METAMORPHOSIS OF THIS REHATCHED ID A AT KABUL,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER WAS ASKED BY A SENIOR OFFICER WHY
THE AMBASSADOR DOESN'T RECEIVE DIFFERENTIAL ALLOWANCE.
(QUESTION WAS PROMPTED BY FACT THAT OFFICER HAD TO TAKE REDUCTION
IN PAY HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM A DIFFERENTIAL POST WHERE
AMBASSADOR'S SALARY WAS HIGHER THAN AT KABUL.) ADMIN OFFICER,
AFTER CURSORY REVIEW OF USC, COULD FIND NO BASIS IN THE LAWS HE
REVIEWED AND ASSUMED IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH
EXECUTIVE PAY RULE, BUT HE NOTED VIETNAM EXCEPTION. QUESTION
MAY COME UP AGAIN IN THIS EXERCISE. WOULD APPRECIATE
BACKGROUND WHETHER AMBASSADOR'S PAY IS REGULATED BY LAW
OR ADMINISTRATION DETERMINATION.

2. REALIZE SOME OF THESE ARE PRICKLY QUESTIONS, BUT IN THE
SPIRIT OF OPENNESS WITH STAFF KABUL, MANAGEMENT HAS TO HAVE
ANSWERS TO ABOVE QUESTIONS.

3. FYI: AFSA KABUL SENT LETTER TO AMBASSADOR JANUARY 23 REQUESTING
HIS VIEWS ON REVERSAL OF SPLIT WEEKEND SCHEDULE. AFSA/
MANAGEMENT MEETING TO BE CONVOKED JANUARY 29. NEED ANSWERS
BEFORE COB 28TH. MANY THANKS.
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